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**Stephen Wm. Smith**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1951  
 Education: Vanderbilt 1973 BA; Virginia 1977 JD  
 Began Service: July 22, 2004  
 Term Expires: July 2012

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, United States Court of Federal Claims (1977-1978)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (1978-2004)

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Magistrate Judge

Began Service: October 17, 2008  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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**Number of Judgeships:** 6

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**Wesley W. Steen**

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: LSU 1974 JD  
 Began Service: September 26, 1997  
 Term Expires: September 25, 2011

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States District Court for the Middle District of Louisiana (1983-1987)

**Legal Practice:** Sanders, Downing, Kean & Cazdessus (1974-1980); Wesley W. Steen, A Professional Law Corporation (1980-1983); Steen, Rubin, Curry, Colvin & Joseph (1983-1984); Winstead, Sechrest & Minick, P.C. (1988-1997)

**Military Service:** United States Navy (1968-1971)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American College of Bankruptcy; College of the State Bar of Texas; Louisiana State Bar Association; State Bar of Texas

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**Karen Kennedy Brown**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
 Education: Pennsylvania 1970 BA; Houston 1973 JD  
 Began Service: April 2, 1990  
 Term Expires: April 2018

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John Brown (1973-1975); Law Clerk The Honorable Woodrow Seals (1975-1976)

**Government:** Assistant Federal Public Defender, State of Texas (1976-1982)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas (1984-1990); Chief Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1982-1984)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The American Law Institute; Houston Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Texas

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**Letitia Z. Paul**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
 Education: Rice 1967 BA; Rutgers 1970 MA; Syracuse 1973 JD  
 Began Service: 1985  
 Term Expires: 2013

**Government:** Attorney, State of Texas (1974-1976); Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Texas, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1982-1985)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1976-1982)

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**Richard S. Schmidt**

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
 Education: New Mexico State 1970 BS; Texas 1973 JD  
 Began Service: July 31, 1987  
 Term Expires: July 30, 2015

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Smitherman, Lunn, Chastain & Hill (1978)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1973-1978); United States Air Force Reserve (1978-2005)

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**Marvin Isgur**

Bankruptcy Judge

Education: Houston BA; Stanford MBA; Houston JD  
 Began Service: February 1, 2004

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**Jeffery Bohm**

Bankruptcy Judge

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**Number of Judgeships:** 12

**Number of Vacancies:** 0

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Andrews, Atascosa, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Brewster, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Comal, Coryell, Crane, Culberson, Dimmit, Ector, Edwards, El Paso, Falls, Freestone, Frio, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hays, Hill, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Lampasas, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Llano, Loving, Martin, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, McLennan, Medina, Midland, Milam, Pecos, Presidio, Real, Reeves, Robertson, San Saba, Somervell, Terrell, Travis, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde, Ward, Washington, Williamson, Wilson, Winkler and Zavalla

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**Walter S. Smith, Jr.**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
 Education: Baylor 1964 BA, 1966 JD  
 Began Service: October 6, 1984  
 Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Judicial:** Judge, Texas District Court (1980-1983); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas (1983-1984)

**Legal Practice:** Dunnam & Dunnam (1966-1969); Wallace & Smith (1969-1978); Haley, Fulbright (1978-1980)

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